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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Peter B. Heifetz et al.Application No./Patent No.: 10/625,648Filed/Issue Date: July 23, 2003Entitled: Herbicide Tolerance Achieved Through Plastid Transformation

Syngenta Finance Corporation

, a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest  
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- A. ☐ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or for which a copy therefore is attached.

OR

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- ☒ As required by 37 CFR 3.73(b)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Cheryl L. Quain  
Signature

9/5/08  
Date

Cheryl L. Quain  
Printed or Typed Name

302-425-2109  
Telephone Number

Vice President & Secretary  
Title

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**CERTIFICATE OF MERGER  
MERGING  
SYNGENTA INVESTMENT CORPORATION  
INTO  
SYNGENTA FINANCE CORPORATION**

The undersigned corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"), does hereby certify that:

**FIRST:** The name and state of incorporation of each of the constituent entities in the merger are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>State of Incorporation</u>
Syngenta Investment Corporation	Delaware
Syngenta Finance Corporation	Delaware

**SECOND:** An Agreement and Plan of Merger between the parties to the merger has been adopted, approved, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the constituent entities in accordance with the requirements of Section 251 of the DGCL;

**THIRD:** The name of the surviving corporation is Syngenta Finance Corporation;

**FOURTH:** This Certificate of Merger, and the merger referenced therein, shall be effective as of 11:59 PM (EST) on December 31, 2007;

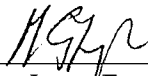
**FIFTH:** The executed Agreement and Plan of Merger is on file at the principal place of business of Syngenta Finance Corporation. The address of the principal place of business of Syngenta Finance Corporation is 2200 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803-8353; and

**SIXTH:** A copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger will be furnished by the surviving corporation, on request and without cost, to any stockholder of any constituent corporation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** Syngenta Finance has caused this Certificate of Merger to be duly executed in its name this 11th day of December 2007.

SYNGENTA FINANCE CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Name: Jason Fogden  
Title: President